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FOR KUX, NEA/INS, FROM SCHNEIDER; NEA ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN IN
SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY PROBLEMS FOR AF ATTACHES

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1. ALL OF THE ATTACHES HERE ARE KEPT UNDER TIGHT CONTROL AND GIVEN NO PRIVILEGES (MEMBERSHIP IN OFFICERS CLUBS, USE OF PXS, MEDICAL CARE) OR ACCESS TO MILITARY INFORMATION AND INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS THEY GET IN WASHINGTON. ATTACHES HERE MUST GET PERMISSION FOR ANY TRIP OUT OF DELHI (WHETHER FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE) AND WHEN THEY DO GET PERMISSION TO VISIT INDIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS GET ONLY TEA AND PLEASANTRIES. WE CANT CLAIM DISCRIMINATION AS THIS IS THE LOT OF ALL ATTACHES IN DELHI AND ALL OF THEM SMART UNDER THE TIGHT CONTROL THE GOI EXERCISES.

2. I DOUBT THAT WE CAN CHANGE THIS BUT IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW MATURE RELATIONSHIP, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD CONTINUE GIVING TO THE INDIAN ATTACHE EVERYTHING WE PROVIDE TO MILITARY REPS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY WITH US. I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT LET THE INDIANS KNOW THAT THEIR INCREDIBLY (AND PROBABLY UNNECESSARY) TIGHT SECURITY HERE COSTS THEM SOMETHING IN WHAT THEY CAN GET IN WASHINGTON.
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AT THE SAME TIME, I DONT THINK WE SHOULD GO SO FAR AS TO MAKE THE INDIAN ATTACHE FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE OR UNWELCOME IN WASHINGTON. I BELIEVE A PROPER LINE CAN BE DRAWN WHICH THE INDIAN ATTACHE WILL UNDERSTAND. THE INDIAN MILITARY HERE AND IN WASHINGTON IS QUITE AWARE OF THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM AND UNDERSTANDS THE LOGIC OF OUR RESPONSE. THEY SOMETIMES TELL US THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM, BUT THE HOME MINISTRY HAS IMPOSED THE

RESTRICTIONS AND WONT CHANGE. FINE, BUT THE HOME MINISTRY SHOULD
FIND OUT THAT AS A RESULT INDIAN INTELLIGENCE ABOUT US MILITARY
MATTERS SUFFERS.

3. ABOUT THE FRENETIC TONE, STYLES AMONG OUR ATTACHES DIFFER
ACCORDING TO PERSONALITY, BUT ALL AGREE ON THE PROBLEM AND THE
PROPER RESPONSE WE SHOULD MAKE. I DONT DISAGREE
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